

**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE ELECTIONS DIVISION**  
**2015 ELECTION CALENDAR**

**Computation of Time:** O.C.G. A. §21-2-14. Unless otherwise stated in a specific Code section of this chapter, time periods under this chapter include Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. When the last day for the exercise of any privilege or discharge of any duty prescribed or required by this chapter shall fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the next succeeding business day shall be the last day for the exercise of such privilege or the discharge of such duty.

January 1, 2014

**FIRST DAY FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO FILE AND PUBLISH  
NOTICE OF INTENT**

No person elected on a write-in vote shall be eligible to hold office unless notice of his or her intention of candidacy was filed and published no earlier than January 1 and no later than seven days after the close of the municipal qualifying period for municipal elections in the case of a general election; or no later than seven days after the close of the special election qualifying period for a special election.

In a municipal general or special election, notice shall be filed with the superintendent and published in the official gazette of the municipality holding the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133(a)

February 2, 2015

**DEADLINE TO PUBLISH QUALIFYING FEES FOR LOCAL OFFICES**

The last day for the governing authority of any county or municipality to fix and publish 2015 qualifying fees for each local office to be filled in the upcoming election is February 2, 2015.

(February 1, 2015, falls on a Sunday.) O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131(a)

February 17, 2015

**DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR  
MARCH 17 SPECIAL ELECTION AND RUNOFF**

If the special election is held on one of the dates specified in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540 to fill a vacancy in an elected county or municipal office, the registration deadline for such special election shall be at the close of business on the fifth Monday prior to the date of the special election or, if such Monday is a legal holiday, by the close of business on the following business day. (Note: February 16, 2015 is Presidents' Day.) The special election runoff shall be a continuation of the special election for the particular office concerned. Only the electors who were duly registered to vote and not subsequently deemed disqualified to vote in the

special election for candidates for that particular office shall be entitled to vote therein. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224; O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501

February 23, 2015

FIRST DAY TO MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR MARCH 17 ELECTION

In the case of special elections, the board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots within three days after the receipt of such ballots, but no earlier than 22 days prior to the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)

February 23, 2015

ADVANCE (ABSENTEE IN-PERSON) VOTING BEGINS FOR MARCH 17 ELECTION

There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence on the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election and as soon as possible prior to a runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to such primary, election, or runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

March 13, 2015

DEADLINE TO MAIL OR ISSUE ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR MARCH 17 ELECTION

No absentee ballot shall be issued or mailed out on the day prior to an election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)

March 17, 2015

SPECIAL ELECTION DATE FOR VACANCIES AND QUESTIONS

In odd-numbered years, a special election to fill vacancies and present questions may be held on the third Tuesday in March. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(c)

HOURS POLLS ARE OPEN

Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm O.C. G.A. § 21-2-403

As soon as possible

ADVANCE (ABSENTEE IN-PERSON) VOTING BEGINS FOR APRIL 14 RUNOFF

There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence on the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election and as soon as possible prior to a runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to such primary, election or runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

As soon as possible	<p><u>FIRST DAY TO MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR APRIL 14 RUNOFF</u></p> <p>In the case of special elections, the board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots as soon as possible before any runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)</p>
April 10, 2015	<p><u>DEADLINE TO MAIL OR ISSUE ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR APRIL 14 RUNOFF</u></p> <p>No absentee ballot shall be issued or mailed out on the day prior to an election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)</p>
April 14, 2015	<p><u>DATE FOR SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF</u></p> <p>A runoff in the case of a special election shall be held on the twenty-eighth day after the day of holding the preceding special election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501</p>
May 18, 2015	<p><u>DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR JUNE SPECIAL ELECTION AND RUNOFF</u></p> <p>If the special election is held on one of the dates specified in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540 to fill a vacancy in an elected county or municipal office, the registration deadline for such special election shall be at the close of business on the fifth Monday prior to the date of the special election. The special election runoff shall be a continuation of the special election for the particular office concerned. Only the electors who were duly registered to vote and not subsequently deemed disqualified to vote in the special election for candidates for that particular office shall be entitled to vote therein. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224; O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501</p>
May 26, 2015	<p><u>ADVANCE (ABSENTEE IN-PERSON) VOTING BEGINS FOR JUNE 16 ELECTION</u></p> <p>There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence on the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election and as soon as possible prior to a runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to such primary, election, or runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)</p>
May 26, 2015	<p><u>FIRST DAY TO MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR JUNE 16 ELECTION</u></p> <p>In the case of special elections, the board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots within three days after the</p>

receipt of such ballots, but no earlier than 22 days prior to the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)

June 12, 2015

DEADLINE TO MAIL OR ISSUE ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR JUNE 16 ELECTION

No absentee ballot shall be issued or mailed out on the day prior to an election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)

June 16, 2015

SPECIAL ELECTION DATE FOR VACANCIES

In odd-numbered years, a special election to fill vacancies may be held on the third Tuesday in June. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(c)

HOURS POLLS ARE OPEN

Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm O.C. G.A. § 21-2-403

As soon as possible

ADVANCE (ABSENTEE IN-PERSON) VOTING BEGINS FOR JULY 14 RUNOFF

There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence on the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election and as soon as possible prior to a runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to such primary, election or runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

As soon as possible

FIRST DAY TO MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR JULY 14 RUNOFF

In the case of special elections, the board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots as soon as possible before any runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)

July 10, 2015

DEADLINE TO MAIL OR ISSUE ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR JULY 14 RUNOFF

No absentee ballot shall be issued or mailed out on the day prior to an election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)

July 14, 2015

DATE FOR SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF

A runoff in the case of a special election shall be held on the twenty-eighth day after the day of holding the preceding special election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501

HOURS POLLS ARE OPEN

Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm. O.C. G.A. § 21-2-403

August 17, 2015

DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR  
SEPTEMBER SPECIAL ELECTION AND RUNOFF

If the special election is held on one of the dates specified in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540 to fill a vacancy in an elected county or municipal office, the registration deadline for such special election shall be at the close of business on the fifth Monday prior to the date of the special election. The special election runoff shall be a continuation of the special election for the particular office concerned. Only the electors who were duly registered to vote and not subsequently deemed disqualified to vote in the special election for candidates for that particular office shall be entitled to vote therein. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224; O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501

August 24, 2015

ADVANCE (ABSENTEE IN-PERSON) VOTING BEGINS FOR  
SEPTEMBER 15 ELECTION

There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence on the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election and as soon as possible prior to a runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to such primary, election, or runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

August 24, 2015

FIRST DAY TO MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR SEPTEMBER 15  
ELECTION

In the case of special elections, the board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots within three days after the receipt of such ballots, but no earlier than 22 days prior to the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)

August 31 –  
September 4, 2015

MUNICIPAL QUALIFYING PERIOD

Each municipal superintendent shall designate the days of the qualifying period, which shall be no less than three days and no more than five days. The days of the qualifying period shall be consecutive days. Qualifying periods shall commence no earlier than 8:30 am on the last Monday in August immediately preceding the general election and shall end no later than 4:30pm on the following Friday. O.C.G.A. § 132(d)(3)

September 4, 2015	<p><u>DEADLINE FOR PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR NOVEMBER 3 GENERAL ELECTION</u></p> <p>The bounds of a precinct shall not be altered during the period of 60 days prior to any general primary or election.</p>
September 11, 2015	<p><u>DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATE TO FILE AND PUBLISH NOTICE OF INTENT</u></p> <p>No person elected on a write-in vote shall be eligible to hold office unless notice of his or her intention of candidacy was filed and published no earlier than January 1 and no later than seven days after the close of the municipal qualifying period for municipal elections in the case of a general election.</p> <p>The notice must be filed by a municipal candidate with the superintendent and published in the official gazette of the municipality holding the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133(a)(3) O.C.G.A. § 21-2-261; SEB Rule 183-1-7-.01</p>
September 11, 2015	<p><u>DEADLINE TO MAIL OR ISSUE ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR SEPTEMBER 15 ELECTION</u></p> <p>No absentee ballot shall be issued or mailed out on the day prior to an election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)</p>
September 14, 2015	<p><u>DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NOVEMBER 3 RACES/CANDIDATES TO KSU</u></p> <p>All races (including questions) and candidates appearing on the November ballot should be submitted to the ballot builder at KSU no later than close of business on September 14.</p>
September 15, 2015	<p><u>SPECIAL ELECTION DATE FOR VACANCIES</u></p> <p>In odd-numbered years, a special election to fill vacancies may be held on the third Tuesday in September. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(c)</p> <p><u>HOURS POLLS ARE OPEN</u></p> <p>Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm O.C. G.A. § 21-2-403</p>
September 16, 2015	<p><u>DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATE TO FILE COPY OF NOTICE AND AFFIDAVIT FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION</u></p> <p>The person or persons giving notice of intention of candidacy for a write-in candidate shall also file, with the appropriate official, a copy of the notice as published with an affidavit stating that the notice has been published and including the name of the</p>

newspaper and the date of publication, not later than the fifth day after the deadline for filing and publishing such notice.  
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133(b)

September 19, 2015

FIRST DAY OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF SAMPLE BALLOT FOR OCTOBER 13 RUNOFF

At least 45 days prior to a general primary or election the superintendent shall place on public exhibition a sample ballot to be used in such election. The exhibition shall be held in such public places at such times as the superintendent shall deem most suitable for the information and instruction of the electors.  
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.8

As soon as possible

ADVANCE (ABSENTEE IN-PERSON) VOTING BEGINS FOR OCTOBER 13 RUNOFF

There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence on the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election and as soon as possible prior to a runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to such primary, election or runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

As soon as possible

FIRST DAY TO MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR OCTOBER 13 RUNOFF

In the case of special elections, the board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots as soon as possible before any runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)

October 5, 2015

DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR NOVEMBER 3 GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION AND RUNOFF

The last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the general/special election and runoff shall be at the close of business on the fifth Monday prior to the date of the election. The runoff shall be a continuation of the election for the particular office concerned. Only the electors who were duly registered to vote and not subsequently deemed disqualified to vote in the general/special election for candidates for that particular office shall be entitled to vote therein. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-224; 21-2-501

The last day for an elector to change his/her address if he/she has moved within the county to an address different from the address shown on the voter's registration card is the fifth Monday prior to

the election. It is the duty of the elector to notify the board of registrars by this date in order for the elector to be placed in the correct precinct and for the elector's name to be placed on the correct list of electors. An elector who moves within the county but into a different precinct or moves within the same precinct, but to a different address, and fails to notify the board of registrars of this change by the fifth Monday prior to the primary or election shall vote in the precinct of elector's previous residence for the primary or election and any ensuing runoff. Such elector shall complete a change of address card at the polls. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-218

The fifth Monday prior to the election is the last day for a voter who moves into Georgia from another state or from one county within Georgia to another Georgia county, to submit a voter registration application in the voter's new county of residence and have his/her previous registration cancelled. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-218

October 9, 2015

DEADLINE TO MAIL OR ISSUE ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR OCTOBER 13 RUNOFF

No absentee ballot shall be issued or mailed out on the day prior to an election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)

October 12, 2015

ADVANCE (ABSENTEE IN-PERSON) VOTING BEGINS FOR NOVEMBER 3 GENERAL ELECTION

Voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period. Note: October 12 is a state holiday. SOS staff will be in the office to provide support. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

October 12, 2015

FIRST DAY TO MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots 22 days prior to any municipal general election. Note: October 12 is a federal holiday, but ballots may be issued and placed in the mail. SOS staff will be in the office to provide support. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)



October 13, 2015

DATE FOR SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF

A runoff in the case of a special election shall be held on the twenty-eighth day after the day of holding the preceding special election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501

HOURS POLLS ARE OPEN

Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm. O.C. G.A. § 21-2-403

October 24, 2015

SATURDAY VOTING

In Elections in which there are no federal or state candidates on the ballot, no Saturday voting hours shall be required.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

October 24, 2015

DEADLINE TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING FOR NOVEMBER 3 GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION

Public notice of the time and place of the logic and accuracy testing shall be made at least five days prior to the test.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.6(c)

October 27, 2015

DEADLINE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF INTENT TO TABULATE EARLY FOR GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION

If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff, the superintendent shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(3)

October 27, 2015

DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE

The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice of the time and place for the computation and canvassing of the returns by publishing the notice in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492

October 29, 2015

LAST DAY FOR LOGIC & ACCURACY TESTING

The last day for the superintendent to test each DRE unit and memory card to confirm that the DRE units and the memory cards are in proper working order is the third day preceding the election. Representatives of political parties and bodies, media and the public shall be permitted to observe the tests.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.6(c)

October 29, 2015

PREPARATION OF ELECTORS LIST

The official list of electors eligible to vote in any primary or election shall be prepared and completed at least five calendar days prior to the date the list is to be used for such primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(f)

October 30, 2015

DEADLINE TO MAIL OR ISSUE ABSENTEE BALLOTS

No absentee ballot shall be issued or mailed out on the day prior to an election. No absentee ballot shall be voted on the day of an election, except in the case of a voter confined to the hospital to whom the registrars have delivered an absentee ballot and the voter has voted it then and there. An absentee ballot, which has been voted prior to the day of the election, may be mailed to the registrars on the day of the election, but will not be counted unless it is received by the registrar's office by 7:00pm the day of the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)

October 30, 2015

DESIGNATION OF POLL WATCHERS

Candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408  
At least three days prior to the General/Special Election, a copy of the designation letter issued by the nonpartisan candidate shall be sent to the superintendent of elections in the county in which the poll watcher is to serve. SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03

November 3, 2015

DATE OF GENERAL/ SPECIAL ELECTION

The date of the General/Special Election is November 3, 2015.  
O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-9; 21-2-2(12); 21-2-540

HOURS POLLS ARE OPEN

Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403

OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN

The chairman of the county board of registrars and the election superintendent shall cause their office(s) to remain open during the entire duration of each primary and election, and after the close of the polls, until completion of their duties.  
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490

TABULATION, POSTING, ETC.

The poll manager shall post one tape showing the total votes cast for the precinct on the door of the polling place for the

information of the public along with a copy of the provisional ballot recap sheet for the precinct.

The election superintendent shall receive the memory cards from the poll managers and proceed to verify that the envelopes are sealed, remove each memory card and transfer the vote totals from the memory card to the election management system.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.11(g); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.02(5)(a)5

November 4, 2015

PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR

The Election Superintendent will provide to the Registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9 a.m. on the day following the election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419; SEB Rule 183-1-12-.06(10)

November 6, 2015

DEADLINE FOR PROVISIONAL BALLOT VERIFICATION

Within three days following the election, the registrar will verify to the election superintendent whether the provisional ballot may be accepted or rejected and shall check the appropriate column on the provisional numbered list. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419

November 6, 2015

DEADLINE TO RECEIVE AND COUNT UOCAVA BALLOTS

Absentee ballots cast in an election or runoff by eligible absentee electors who reside outside the county in which the election is held and are members of the armed forces of the United States, members of the merchant marine of the United States, spouses or dependents or members of the armed forces or merchant marine residing with or accompanying such members, or overseas citizens that are postmarked by the date of such election or runoff, and are received within the three day period following such election or runoff, if proper in all other respects, shall be valid ballots and shall be counted and included in the certified election results. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386

November 9, 2015

DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION RETURNS

Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00pm on the Monday following the date on which such election was held and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)

Two business days  
following certification

DEADLINE FOR RECOUNT REQUEST BY CANDIDATE

Whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been elected to an office in an election or is eligible for a run-off election and the number of votes received by any other candidate not declared so elected or eligible for a run-off, shall be not more than 1 percent of the total votes, any such candidate or candidates receiving a sufficient number of votes so that the difference between his or her vote and that of a candidate declared elected or eligible for a run-off election is not more than 1 percent of the votes cast, within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results, shall have the right to a recount of the votes cast, if such request is made in writing by the losing candidate. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c)

Five days following  
certification

DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS

A petition to contest the result of an election shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction of the matter within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524

As soon as possible

ADVANCE (ABSENTEE IN-PERSON) VOTING BEGINS FOR RUNOFF

There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence on the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election and as soon as possible prior to a runoff from any general election in which there are only state or county candidates on the ballot in the runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to such primary, election or runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

As soon as possible

MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TRANSMISSION FOR RUNOFF

The board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots to all eligible applicants as soon as possible prior to any runoff. O.C.G.A. §21-2-384(a)

November 20, 2015	<p><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING FOR RUNOFF</u></p> <p>The deadline to publish notice of logic and accuracy testing is November 20, 2015. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.6(c)</p>
November 24, 2015	<p><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR RUNOFF</u></p> <p>The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice of the time and place for the computation and canvassing of the returns by publishing the notice in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492</p>
November 24, 2015	<p><u>DEADLINE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF INTENT TO TABULATE EARLY FOR GENERAL/SPECIAL RUNOFF</u></p> <p>If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff, the superintendent shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election or runoff.</p> <p>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(3)</p>
November 25, 2015	<p><u>LAST DAY FOR LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING FOR RUNOFF</u></p> <p>The last day for the superintendent to test each DRE unit and memory card to confirm that the DRE units and the memory cards are in proper working order is the third day preceding the election. Representatives of political parties and bodies, media and the public shall be permitted to observe the tests.</p> <p>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.6(c)</p>
November 26, 2015	<p><u>DEADLINE FOR PREPARATION OF ELECTOR'S LIST FOR RUNOFF</u></p> <p>The official list of electors eligible to vote in any primary or election shall be prepared and completed at least five calendar days prior to the date the list is to be used for such primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(f)</p>
November 27, 2015	<p><u>DEADLINE TO MAIL OR ISSUE ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR RUNOFF</u></p> <p>No absentee ballot shall be issued or mailed out on the day prior to an election. No absentee ballot shall be voted on the day of an election, except in the case of a voter confined to the hospital to whom the registrars have delivered an absentee ballot and the voter has voted it then and there. An absentee ballot, which has been voted prior to the day of the election, may be mailed to the</p>

registrars on the day of the election, but will not be counted unless it is received by the registrar's office by 7:00pm the day of the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)

December 1, 2015

DATE OF RUNOFF

The date of the general/special election runoff is December 1, 2015. O.C.G.A. §21-2-501

HOURS POLLS ARE OPEN

Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403

OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN

The chairman of the county board of registrars and the election superintendent shall cause their office(s) to remain open during the entire duration of each primary and election, and after the close of the polls, until completion of their duties.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490

TABULATION, POSTING, ETC.

The poll manager shall post one tape showing the total votes cast for the precinct on the door of the polling place for the information of the public along with a copy of the provisional ballot recap sheet for the precinct.

The election superintendent shall receive the memory cards from the poll managers and proceed to verify that the envelopes are sealed, remove each memory card and transfer the vote totals from the memory card to the election management system.

O.C.G.A § 21-2-379.11(g); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.02(5)(a)5

December 2, 2015

PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS FOR RUNOFF DUE TO REGISTRAR

The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00am on the day following the election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419, SEB Rule 183-1-12-.06 (10)

December 4, 2015

DEADLINE FOR PROVISIONAL BALLOT VERIFICATION

Within three days following the election, the registrar will verify to the election superintendent whether the provisional ballot may be accepted or rejected and shall check the appropriate column on the provisional numbered list. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419

December 4, 2015

DEADLINE TO RECEIVE AND COUNT UOCAVA BALLOTS

Absentee ballots cast in a primary, election or runoff by eligible absentee electors who reside outside the county in which the primary, election or runoff is held and are members of the armed forces of the United States, members of the merchant marine of the United States, spouses or dependents of members of the armed forces or merchant marine residing with or accompanying such members, or overseas citizens that are postmarked by the date of such primary, election or runoff, and are received within the three-day period following such primary, election or runoff, if proper in all other respects, shall be valid ballots and shall be counted and included in the certified election results.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(G)

December 7, 2015

DEADLINE FOR CERTIFICATION OF RUNOFF RETURNS

Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00pm on the Monday following the date on which such election was held and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)

Two business days  
following certification

DEADLINE FOR RECOUNT REQUEST BY CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL STATE AND LOCAL RUNOFF

Whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared eligible for a primary runoff and the number of votes received by any other candidate not declared so elected, shall be not more than 1 percent of the total votes, any such candidate or candidates receiving a sufficient number of votes so that the difference between his or her vote and that of a candidate declared eligible for the primary runoff is not more than 1 percent of the votes cast, within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results, shall have the right to a recount of the votes cast, if such request is made in writing by the losing candidate. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c)

Five days following  
certification

DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS FOR GENERAL STATE AND LOCAL RUNOFF

A petition to contest the result of a primary or election shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such

action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524